

STATE OF MARYLAND

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT

Shari T. Wilson, Secretary

BILL NO: HB 1125

COMMITTEE: Environmental Matters

POSITION: Support with Amendment

TITLE: Stormwater Management – Development Projects – Redevelopment and Preliminary Plan Approval

BILL ANALYSIS:

This bill proposes to establish certain requirements for a certain redevelopment project; authorize a certain developer to pay a certain fee-in-lieu payment to a certain local government to offset certain stormwater management requirements, requiring a certain fee-in-lieu payment to be in an amount determined by a local government and used for certain purposes, and authorizing if a certain development project receives a certain approval before a certain date the project would be grandfathered from meeting new stormwater management requirements of environmental site design to the maximum extent practicable. The Act is an emergency measure.

POSITION AND RATIONALE:

MDE supports House Bill 1125. The amended bill codifies changes that were recently proposed by the Department as emergency regulations and is consistent with technical guidance concerning the implementation to the State's new stormwater regulations that was recently issued to local jurisdictions.

House Bill 1125, as amended, permits local jurisdictions to incorporate administrative waiver provisions in local stormwater ordinances that would allow certain projects that have received preliminary approval prior to May 4, 2010 to proceed under the 2000 regulatory requirements. The amended legislation also clarifies how Environmental Site Design should be used in certain development and redevelopment situations to meet the State's stormwater management requirements.

House Bill 1125, as amended, will ensure that Maryland's efforts to address the growing impacts of urban stormwater will move forward, while providing an appropriate transition period for existing projects and needed flexibility for redevelopment projects.

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